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## A&M holds education seminar

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Leaders in higher education will receive training in academic administration during Texas A&M's College of Education's 23rd annual seminar Sunday through Friday.

The seminar, "Effective Leadership in Higher Education Administration," is one week of intensive management training for new and/or prospective academic administrators.

Dr. Bryan Cole, associate dean of the College of Education, said the seminar is designed to show the 35 selected participants the concepts and practices relevant to academic administration, while stressing decision making and management.

Several noted speakers will be featured including Haskell Monroe, chancellor of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Barry B. Thompson, president of Tarleton State University, and David Garner, assistant commissioner and director of planning for the Texas Higher Education

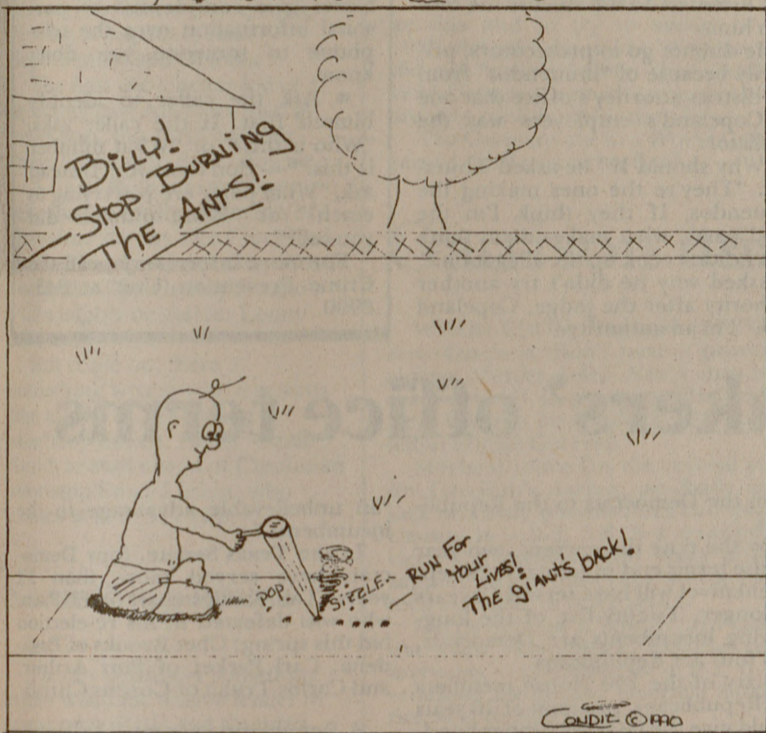
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Gail Burrier, dean of arts and sciences at McLennan Community College, Juliet V. Garcia, president of Texas Southmost College, and D. Parker Young, a professor at the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia also are guest speakers.

Several A&M faculty members also will be among those speaking.

The College of Education has trained about 600 new administrators through this program.

*A Touch of DEMENTIA* by Paul Condit



## Federal AIDS panel makes first Texas visit

DALLAS (AP) — Federal AIDS investigators will meet in Dallas next week to look into barriers that prevent help from reaching people with AIDS in the South.

The Rev. Scott Allen of Dallas, chairman of the U.S. commission on AIDS subcommittee, said the meeting will mark the first visit of a federal AIDS commission to Texas. The panel will meet with regional health workers on AIDS testing and intervention.

The panel will convene its first fact-finding session at Parkland Memorial Hospital on Monday and focus on the problems of human im-

munodeficiency virus testing and early intervention.

Two dozen speakers are scheduled to talk to the panel Tuesday on problems confronting people with AIDS who need social and human services.

The 15-member commission was created by Congress in August and charged with advising Congress and the president on development of a "consistent national policy concerning AIDS" and the HIV epidemic.

The meetings will draw participants mainly from the South, including officials from Texas, Tennessee, New Mexico, Florida, Mississippi

and Louisiana.

The chairwoman of the National Commission on AIDS, Dr. June Osborn of the University of Michigan, also will attend.

The subcommittee held similar meetings in Boston in February and plans another meeting in Seattle late this month. A report with a list of recommendations is scheduled to be presented to the full commission in September, Allen said.

The regional meetings help the commission determine how the country is coping with the AIDS epidemic and how best to improve serv-

ices to the people affected, he said.

The South and Southwest face a regional problem in preventing discrimination against AIDS patients, Allen said. He said Texas, unlike other states, does not have any anti-discrimination measures that would protect the jobs of people who have been diagnosed with the disease but are still healthy enough to continue working.

"If we're going to stop this epidemic, we need to treat people with compassion and respect and dignity and have safeguards to protect the individual," he said.

## Houston officials hope to impress world leaders

City flaunts recovery, employment, wisdom

HOUSTON (AP) — When world leaders visit Houston next week, they'll find a stunning recovery from the days of clogged bankruptcy courts, double-digit unemployment and vacant offices caused by oil's mid-1980s price collapse.

Houston officials hope the heads of state from Britain, Japan, Germany, Italy, Canada and France attending the economic summit take home an impression that although America's fourth-largest city may not be as wealthy as in the raucous boom days of pricey oil, it's healthier and a little wiser.

"The energy industry comprises 40 percent of the local economy and is not likely to drop below that level in the near future," said Lee Hogan, president of the Greater Houston Partnership, a business lobby group.

"However, the expansion of our economic base has made Houston's economy less vulnerable, and the relatively stable health care and space sectors will help to buffer Houston from shifts in the national business cycle," he said.

That cycle for Houston notoriously has been boom and bust, going all the way back to its founding in 1836 by two land-speculating brothers from New York.

John and Augustus Allen took out ads to attract settlers by labeling the area a kind of tropical paradise near the Gulf of Mexico. Those who came found a swampy malaria-infested quagmire, home for every poisonous snake in North America. Thus came the first boom and bust.

The swamps have been filled for the most part. The mosquitoes and

snakes are still common. Officials hope the wide economic swings are things of the past.

Oil and gas is the blood of Houston, and when oil prices soared toward \$40 per barrel in 1981, the city basked in its glory as the "Golden Buckle of the Sun Belt."

By 1986, oil prices had fallen below \$10 per barrel, leaving about 85 percent of the 4,500 drilling rigs that had been laying oil pipe five years earlier rusting in storage yards.

By 1987, unemployment totaled nearly 13 percent. At federal bankruptcy court, clerks were so busy at one point they refused to answer the telephone and left only a recorded message.

Another of the city's nicknames — "Space City," because it's home to NASA's Johnson Space Center — took on a whole new meaning as Houston led the nation in the amount of vacant office buildings.

But the growth of services, electronics, biotechnology and the medical industry, along with space-related businesses and an improvement in the energy industry, has fueled Houston's renaissance.

Employment at the end of 1989 was 1.54 million, vs. 1.35 million in 1980. Population in the Houston area grew by nearly 19 percent in the decade to 3.23 million, despite migration elsewhere during the lean years of the mid-1980s.

Houston also touts 41 percent of the job growth for all of Texas, with 50,300 new jobs in the year ending in March.

## Christian activists receive \$21,000 from Williams for campaign propaganda

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Christian activists campaigning to portray Democratic gubernatorial nominee Ann Richards as an "honorary lesbian" have financial ties to her Republican opponent Clayton Williams, a newspaper reported.

In addition, the Williams campaign was consulted before the two promoted the issue at last week's state GOP convention, the Dallas Times Herald reported Wednesday.

But a spokesman for the Williams campaign denied Thursday that Williams had anything to do with trying to depict Richards as an "honorary lesbian."

Adrian Van Zelfdan, president of the Austin-based Texas Grassroots Coalition, and Rita Davis, a member of Women for Williams, have held numerous news conferences recently criticizing Richards for her support of repealing the state's sodomy law.

Davis declared Richards an "honorary lesbian" after learning that phrase appeared on a sign held by a supporter of Richards during a University of Texas rally.

During the Republican primary, Van Zelfdan's coalition received

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\$21,000 from Williams for campaign mailings, the Times Herald reported after reviewing campaign finance reports.

Davis has previously worked for Charles Phillips, president of Coalition of Politically Active Christians, and a political consultant whom Williams paid more than \$112,000 during the primary.

Phillips said Williams' staff encouraged a resolution at the Republican Convention that named Richards an "honorary lesbian."

"To characterize this as having been orchestrated by our campaign is completely false," Gordon Hensley, Williams' spokesman said.

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